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PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17, and insert therefor:

Figs. 3A to 3E show examples of only one optical path changing means constituted by optical path changing slopes or prismatic structures as described above. In Figs. 3A to 3C, each of the optical path changing means A is shaped substantially like a triangle in section. In Figs. 3D and 3E, each of the optical path changing means A is shaped substantially like a trapezoid in section. In Fig. 3A, each of the optical path changing means A has optical path changing slopes A1 so as to be an isosceles triangle. In Fig. 3B, each of the optical path changing means A has an optical path changing slope A1, and a steep slope A2 having an inclination angle larger than that of the slope A1 with respect to a sheet plane. In Fig. 3C, each of the optical path changing sheet is provided as a repetitive structure of a plurality of optical path changing means A each constituted by an optical path changing slope A1 and a gentle slope A2 having an inclination